Infrastructure development in Bangalore

773. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has sought financial assistance to develop infrastructure in Bangalore;

(b) if so, the amount of financial assistance sought; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to develop Bangalore to international standards?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Urban Development is a State subject. However, Bangalore is granted central assistance for development of infrastructure under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Infrastructure Development in Mega Cities launched in 1993-94. Ever since 1993-94 and till 2004-05, Rs. 228.84 crore central assistance have been provided to Bangalore Mega City for development of infrastructure.

There is also a proposal to set up National Urban Renewal Mission (NURM) for select cities, including Bangalore, to provide reform linked central assistance for development of infrastructure. On-going Centrally Sponsored Schemes for Infrastructure Development in Mega Cities is proposed to be subsumed in the proposed NURM.

Conversion of residential property for commercial purpose

†774. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that residential houses are being converted into commercial in Delhi;

(b) whether despite orders of the Supreme Court 5-6 storeyed houses are being constructed with the nexus of MCD officers;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether such construction are mostly being done in Moti Nagar where streets are very narrow;

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to stop such construction and also against the guilty officers; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken against the owners of the house violating the building laws?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has reported that instances of residential houses being used for commercial purposes have been observed in various parts of Delhi including Moti Nagar. Whenever such violations are noticed, action is taken under the provisions of the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957.

Further, Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has reported that in so far as misuse in DDA flats/residential plots for commercial purposes is concerned, action is taken in accordance with terms and conditions of the allotment/lease and also provisions of Delhi Development Act. In cases where the property has been converted to freehold, matter is referred to MCD for necessary action.

Repatriation of whistle blowing officials of DDA

775. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the officers posted in DDA have been repatriated for blowing whistle on the taking over of 135 co-operative societies by the builders mafia and for busting scams in watch and ward payments/ housing scam, prior to the completion of their tenure; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to stay their repatriation and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise, in view of (a) above.